

ball**call****fall****gall****hall****mall****tall****wall**

- (1) something
 sumthing
 somethink

- (2) sometimez
 sumtimes
 sometimes

- (3) allmost
 almost
 allmust

- (4) enough
 enaugh
 enouff

- (5) secand
 second
 sekond

- (6) whyle
 wile
 while

- (7) along
 alonk
 allong

- (8) bouth
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 both

- (9) near
 naer
 neer

- (10) bitween
 between
 betweeen

- (11) abov
 abow
 above

- (12) behind
 behaind
 bihind

- (13) withoutw
 without
 widhout

- (14) today
 tooday
 tuday

- (15) always
 allways
 tuyday

- (16) nekst
 next
 nextt



How to spell

schwa+r /ə/

her: /hər/
 'er'

girl: /gəl/
 'ir'

burn: /bən/
 'ur'

learn: /lən/
 'ear'*
 *The 'ear' spelling is also pronounced long e+/r/ (as in 'hear').

work: /wək/
 '(w+)or'*
 *The 'or' spelling is pronounced ə when it follows a 'w.'

BRAIN TEASER

Cross Out The Odd Word. Then Add One More.

1. blue - pink- park - black - _____
2. apples - bananas- oranges - chairs - _____
3. postman - doctor - hospital - secretary - _____
4. hungry - tired- happy - friend - _____
5. Friday - Sunday - March - Wednesday - _____
6. seven- first - eight- twenty - _____
7. German- Russia- England - Scotland - _____
8. February - November- Monday - July - _____
9. tree- fridge- table- bed - _____
10. salad - carrot - tomato - cucumber - _____
11. second - third - nine - twelfth - _____
12. orange - cherry - potato - kiwi - _____
13. good- nice - bad - friendly - _____
14. sister - niece - father - aunt - _____
15. grandfather - aunt - nephew - brother - _____
16. windy - sunny - clock - freezing - _____
17. football - tennis - music - judo - _____
18. red - jump - read - write - _____
19. my - our - she - your - _____
20. skirt - shirt - shoe- smart - _____
21. car - dog- camel - horse - _____
22. arm - knee- finger - know - _____
23. taxi - bus - underground - stop - _____
24. ice-cream - cake- chips - biscuits - _____
25. bed - kitchen - bathroom - hall - _____
26. cartoon - comedy - musical - office - _____
27. long- short- old- door - _____
28. telephone- computer - radio - lamp - _____
29. week - fever - headache - flu - _____
30. teddy bear - ball - doll - backpack - _____
31. breakfast- lunch - meal - dinner - _____
32. biology - carpet - geography- maths - _____

1. The phone's ringing.
2. Look at those black clouds!
3. What are you doing tonight?
4. I'm sick and tired of winter!
5. Where are you going on your holiday?



- a) I think it's going to rain.
- b) Don't worry! It'll be spring soon.
- c) We might go to Prague or we might go to Budapest.
- d) I'll get it!
- e) I'm staying at home. I'm going to watch a video.

Will is used as modal auxiliary verb to express a decision, intention or offer made at the moment of speaking.

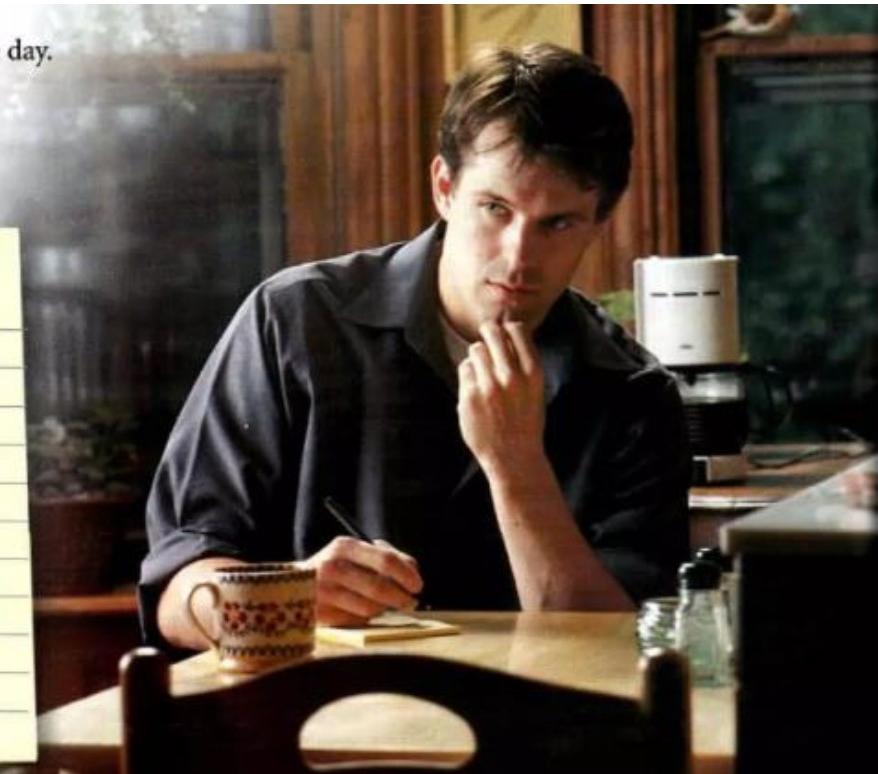
I'll have the steak, please.

Going to is used to express a future plan, decision or intention made before the moment of speaking.
We are going to (gonna) paint this room blue.

Ben always writes a list at the beginning of the day.
Read his list. Where's he going today?
What's he going to do?

*He's going to the hairdresser's.
He's going to buy some sugar.*

<u>Things to do</u>	<u>Things to buy</u>
haircut	sugar
petrol	yoghurt
electricity bill – bank	milk
tickets – travel agent	tennis balls
library	
visit Nick?	



1 'Why are you putting on your coat?'

'Because *I'll take/I'm going to take* the dog for a walk?

2 'Would you like to go out for a drink tonight?'

'How about tomorrow night? *I'll call /I'm calling* you.'

3 'What's the score?'

'6-0. *They're going to lose/They'll lose.*'

4 'It's Tony's birthday next week'

'Is it? I didn't know. *I'll send/I'm going to send* him a card?'

5 'Are you and Alan still going out together?'

'Oh yes, *we'll get/we're getting* married in June?'

6 'Where are you going on holiday this year?'

'We haven't decided. *We might go/We're going* to Italy?'

to cross one's path

To cross paths means two people have an unplanned (accidental) encounter.

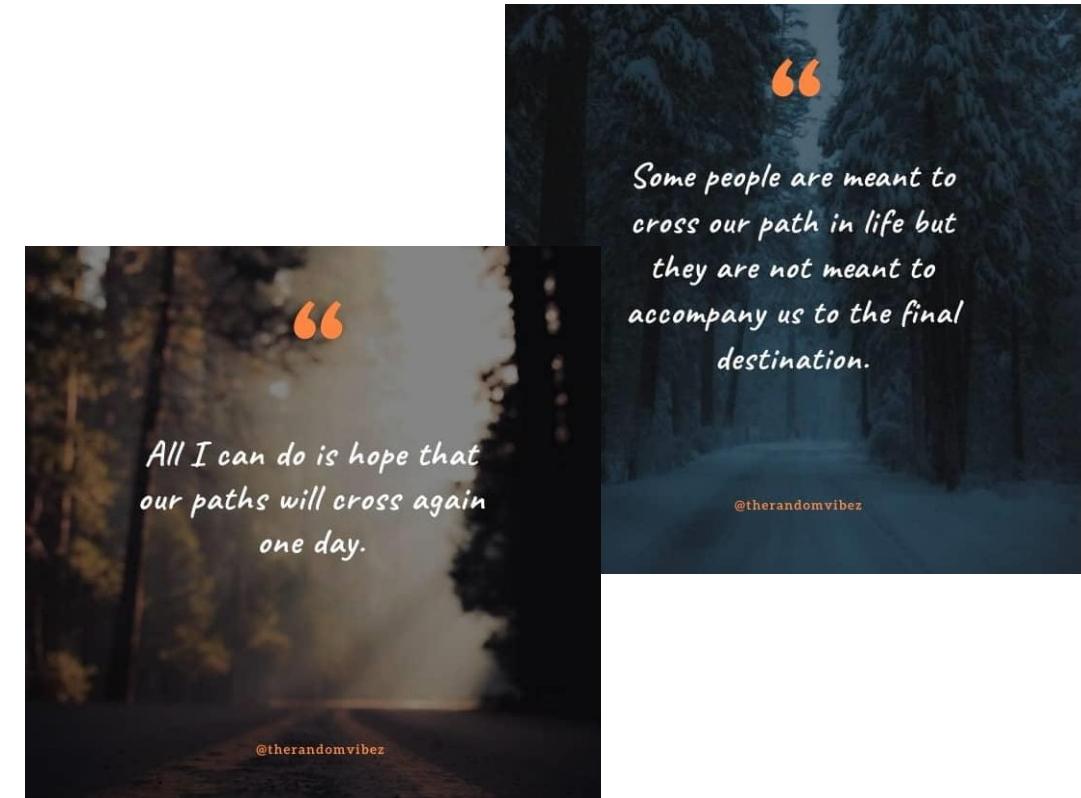
Tell 3 facts what you did yesterday, what you're going to do today and what you will do tomorrow.

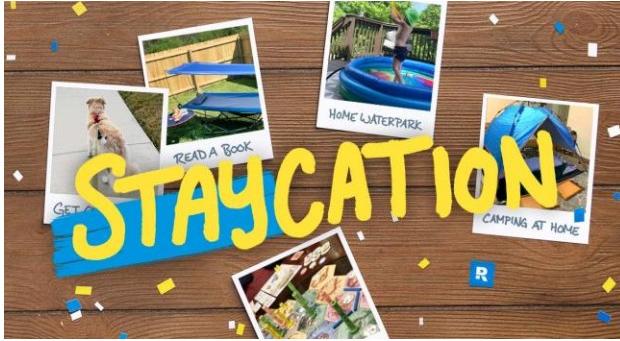
You may start with:

Yesterday I ...

I'm going to ... today.

I'll ... tomorrow





Why a staycation is the new vacation...

Everyone loves to holiday abroad but have you noticed that vacations aren't always the most rejuvenating experiences? If your main purpose for going abroad on holiday is to get some well-deserved rest, then you may be disappointed. Just think of all the preparation and planning that goes into every trip. The combination of months of planning, air-travel, jet lag, packing and unpacking can sometimes mean you don't get much time to really relax and enjoy yourself.

Vacations abroad are nice, but if they can also be an energy-killer, is there an alternative way to spend our spare time? Yes, there is. It's called a staycation.

1. Fresh experiences just around the corner

Similar to holidays (vacations), staycations also tick some of the same boxes. Often we overlook the attractions that are nearer to us, choosing instead to spend lots of money to visit foreign countries. However, if you make an effort to explore the area closer to where you live, you may be pleasantly surprised. There will be cafés and restaurants you've never tried, historic buildings you've never seen before, and nature parks you've never visited. Even if you decide to visit the same place or hotel as you've been before, you'll still be able to enjoy new and exciting things if you'd like to.

2. You can avoid the stress and anxiety associated with travel

There's a lot to think about when you're planning a trip: figuring out flights, finding the best place to stay, deciding how to budget your limited amount of time. For especially anxious travellers, finding ways to minimise travel stress is a crucial part of taking a vacation. With a staycation, you're eliminating a lot of the stress associated with travelling – no flying, no airports and most importantly, no baggage restrictions.

3. You don't have to plan ahead

Nothing is better than realising you have an unusually free Friday or, even better, a meeting-free Monday. Depending on how flexible your workplace is, you can have an impromptu three-day-long staycation a lot easier than you could a spontaneous trip to the Maldives.

4. You can spend time with local friends and family
In the rush of daily living – juggling careers, kids, activities and obligations – it's hard to find time to just chill out with loved ones, even if they live close by. A staycation gives you the opportunity for extended quality time with your family and friends where you can ignore the hassle of day-to-day life and just enjoy each others company.

During a staycation, you can leave the hard work behind and take time to discover the magic with your nearest and dearest... making memories that count! Better yet, if you stay at a hotel, even the mealtimes are catered for, you don't need to worry about food prep and washing up.

5. There are no seasons for staycations

Holidaymakers have to concern themselves with when to go: peak season, shoulder season, or the more economical off-season. If you spend your holiday at home, the time of year won't matter. Whether you choose to cosy up on the coast during the Winter or experience the magic of nature awakening in the Spring, you'll see for yourselves why seasonal breaks are so popular. A seasonal break can be whatever you want it to be, at any time of year.

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Say goodbye to security checks at airports, and instead, say hello to peace and quiet. Ultimately, staycations are the ideal way to restore and revitalise your mind, body and spirit. Try one and see for yourself!

Can You Fill in the Blanks?

rejuvenating, avoid, staycation, eliminating, abroad, well-deserved rest, energy-killer, attractions, minimise

Everyone loves to holiday _____(1) but have you noticed that vacations aren't always the most _____(2) experiences? If your main purpose for going abroad on holiday is to get some _____(3), then you may be disappointed. Just think of all the preparation and planning that goes into every trip. The combination of months of planning, air-travel, jet lag, packing and unpacking can sometimes mean you don't get much time to really relax and enjoy yourself.

Vacations abroad are nice, but if they can also be an _____(4), is there an alternative way to spend our spare time? Yes, there is. It's called a _____(5).

Fresh experiences just around the corner

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Pick the Right Answer!

What is the main difference between a vacation and a staycation?

- A) Staycations are more relaxing than vacations.
- B) Staycations are cheaper than vacations.
- C) Staycations involve staying close to home, while vacations involve traveling.
- D) Staycations are more adventurous than vacations.

What is one benefit of taking a staycation mentioned in the passage?

- A) Experiencing new cultures and cuisines
- B) Avoiding the stress of travel
- C) Visiting exotic destinations
- D) Meeting new people

According to the passage, what is one reason why vacations can be tiring?

- A) You have to pack and unpack your bags.
- B) You have to plan your trip in advance.
- C) You have to deal with jet lag.
- D) All of the above.

Which of the following is NOT a benefit of a staycation mentioned in the passage?

- A) Spending time with local friends and family
- B) Exploring new attractions near your home
- C) Experiencing different seasons
- D) Visiting multiple destinations

What is the main message of the passage?

- A) Staycations are always better than vacations.
- B) Staycations can be a good alternative to vacations.
- C) Vacations are a waste of time and money.
- D) Staycations are only for people who live in boring places.